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SUBJECT: PROPOSED RELAXATION OF US TRAVEL CONTROLS ON SOVIETS

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1. AS DEPT AWARE, RECENT SOVIET MODIFICATION OF TRAVEL CONTROLS REPRESENTED NO CHANGE IN EXISTING TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS FOR CONGEN PERSONNEL. CONGEN HAD CONSIDERED IT POSSIBLE THAT DIPLOMATIC AGENCY (LENINGRAD BRANCH OF MFA) WOULD FOLLOWUP APPROACH IN MOSCOW WITH REVISED TRAVEL PROCEDURES FOR CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENTS LENINGRAD; HOWEVER, DIPLOMATIC AGENCY HAS NOT DONE SO AND HAS BEEN NON-COMMITTAL WHEN ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY.

2. ACCORDINGLY, CONGEN WOULD PREFER THAT PROPOSED US MODIFICATIONS TO TRAVEL CONTROLS ON SOVIET OFFICIALS -- AS THE SPECIFIC RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET MODIFICATIONS -- BE EQUALLY SILENT ON QUESTION OF TRAVEL BY SOVIET CONGEN PERSONNEL IN SAN FRANCISCO (PARAS FIVE AND SEVEN, REFTEL). AS EMBASSY AND DEPT ARE AWARE. NOTE-FREE TRAVEL TO LOMONSOV AND HIGHWAY ACCESS TO RIGI WERE COUNTERS FOR SOVIET REQUESTS REGARDING PALO ALTO AND LONGBEACH, RESPECTIVELY. BALL IS STILL IN SOVIET COURT ON THESE PROPOSED TRADE-OFFS.

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3. SERIAL LISTING OF DESIDERATA IN PARA NINE REFTEL EXACTLY CONFORMS TO AMCONSULS INTERESTS IN TERMS OF IMPORTANCE TO FACILITATING OUR WORK HERE. MOST IRKSOME RESTRICTION IS LIMITATION ON ALLOWED ENTRY AND EXIT POINTS, FOLLOWED BY NOTE REQUIREMENT FOR SUDDEN VISITS TO MOSCOW. ALTHOUGH DIPLOMATIC AGENCY HAS BEEN COOPERATIVE IN PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS BY TELEPHONE WITH ALTTER FOLLOW-UP NOTE, IN PAST THIS HAS ONLY WORKED OUT THROUGH PERSONAL CALL FROM CONGEN TO HEAD OF DIPLOMATIC AGENCY.

4. ON WHOLE, WITH REGARD Leningrad PROBLEMS, WE SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT REMIND SOVIETS THAT IN ABSENCE OF ACCROSS-
THE-BOARD RELAXATION OF RESTRICTIONS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE TO

OUR EARLIER PROPOSALS.
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